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Groundwater levels in Mysuru steadily rise

From 2015 to 2024, all taluks record an average 1 ft. rise in groundwater level

Dr. A.P. Chandrashekhar, who owns 'Indraprastha' organic farm at Dadadahalli in Mysuru has been irrigating his 13-acre farm using only an open well, without a borewell, for the past four decades as he believes that rejuvenation of water is closely tied to increasing greenery.

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (AG&BCT)- On World Earth Day today (Apr. 22), Mysuru celebrates a water revival. Thanks to copious rains and a robust monsoon in 2024, the district's groundwater table has received a much-needed boost, signalling nature's recovery and effective stewardship.

All nine taluks — Mysuru, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, Nanjangud, Periyapatna, T. Narasipur, Saragur and Saligrama — have recorded a healthy increase in groundwater levels. Over the last decade (2015-2024), the district has seen an encouraging average rise of 0.32 metres (1 ft.), a testament to both rainfall and mindful water usage.

(See GROUNDWATER on page 6)

Cricket betting: Six arrested

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SBD&KS)- In a series of coordinated operations, Mysuru City Police have arrested six individuals involved in illegal cricket betting at various locations across the city. Mobile phones used for placing bets have been seized from the accused.

In the first case, the City Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a youth who was allegedly engaged in online cricket betting at an LPG stove repair shop on Yaraganahalli Main Road under Nazarbad Police limits. A mobile phone used for betting was seized from him.

In the second case, Alanahalli Police arrested two individuals found betting on cricket near Cauvery Enclave Road. Multiple mobile phones were recovered from the duo. A case has been registered based on a complaint filed by Police staff member Chennabasappa.

In the third instance, CCB Sub-Inspector Raju Konakeri and his team arrested three persons for online betting at a dhaba in Hebbal Industrial Area. Mobile phones used in the betting operations were also seized.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Mysuru Kodava Samaja launches new website

kodavasamajamysuru.com

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BCT)- The Mysuru Kodava Samaja officially launched its new website, ***https://kodavasamajamysuru.com/*** at a programme held at the Samaja premises in Vijayanagar First Stage, Mysuru, recently.

The new website, a first for the Samaja, was the brainchild of President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy. His son, Ponjanda Gyan Ponnappa, conceptualised, designed, developed and hosted the website entirely free of cost.

In addition to the website, Gyan has contributed several other pro-bono digital initiatives, including the 'Kodava Thandh Bendhu Matrimonial App' (available on Google Play Store), the Youth Wing website *youthwing.kodavasamajamysuru.com,* the donor coupon lucky draw software and website, and an Android app for Kaveri Vidya Samsthe (featuring both admin and user applications). Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions in Kuvempunagar is run by the Samaja.

Launched on Apr. 12, 2025, the new website serves as a comprehensive resource for information about the Mysuru Kodava Samaja and its initiatives.

The event began with President Ponjanda Ganapathy sharing insights into the Samaja's activities. He honoured several generous donors who contributed to the Samaja's developmental projects through a fund-raiser coupon system, presenting them with gold coins as tokens of appreciation.

To encourage donations, Samaja's administrative team had introduced an innovative donor coupon scheme, which included exciting gifts through a lucky draw.

Top fund-raisers — including individuals, keris (family groups) and sanghas (associations) — were recognised and awarded for their selfless efforts in helping the Samaja meet its financial goals. The fundraising drive was a resounding success.

The Kodava Samaja office-bearers are also trying to secure a grant of Rs. 10,00,000 from the Karnataka Government under the Kodava Community Hall Development Scheme. Sources said that the process to receive funds has started and the money will be sanctioned soon.

As part of its developmental plans, the Samaja has decided to erect a life-size statue of Gen. Kodandera S. Thimayya within its premises using a portion of the funds raised.

The event was attended by Samaja Vice-President Machimada P. Nanaiah, Honorary Secretary Ketolira A. Belliappa, Joint Secretary Ajjikuttira Diana Poovaiah and Treasurer Ittira G. Kashiyappa, among others.

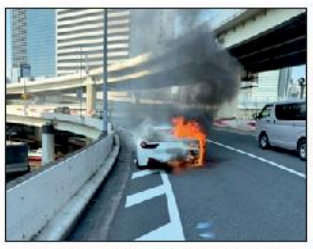
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST: ***There would have been no Easter if the Gospels had ended with the words, "and they laid the body of Jesus in the tomb and departed", said W.J. Samuel. When Jesus was laid in the tomb that Friday evening, there was a common belief that this tomb was the final resting place of Jesus. His mission was terminated, cut short by His horrific execution, and now He was at peace.***

The disciples of Jesus were not near the tomb. They were in Jerusalem, but they did not come to the tomb. One can say they were afraid of their own lives, after the manner in which Christ was executed. However, none of the others, not Joesph who gave his tomb to Jesus, not the two Marys, nor the disciples whom Jesus loved, gave importance to what Jesus had said — that He would arise from the dead. The people at the tomb did not remember it, or if they did, they did not give enough importance to the prophecy of Jesus. Otherwise, why would they all have left the tomb? Clearly, the enemies of Christ remembered His words. In 2 Timothy 1:10, the Bible says, "But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." When the women from the tomb rushed to inform everyone that Jesus their Lord had risen from the dead and He is alive, the disciples were transformed. They went to different parts of the earth preaching the Gospel of Christ as He had commanded them. In John 11:25, Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." Dwelling with the resurrected Christ means a transformed life. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

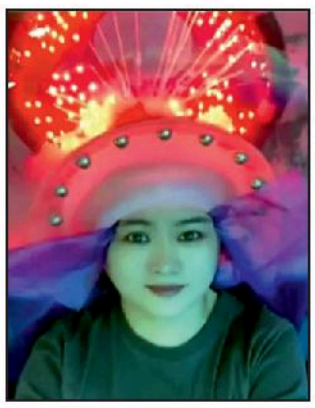
Man buys Ferrari, it burns down in an hour



Tokyo: After saving up for 10 years to buy his dream car, a brand new Ferrari 458 Spider, a Japanese man had to sit by and watch it burn within an hour of driving it for the first time.

The 33-year-old recently took to X (Twitter) to share the story of how he could only enjoy his dream Ferrari for a few minutes because it just caught fire while he was driving it on the Shuto Expressway in Tokyo, on Apr. 16. Apparently, the 458 Spider had only just been delivered to him, and he was out on a test drive with it when he noticed white smoke. At first, he thought it was coming from the car next to his, but as that vehicle pulled away, it became obvious that the smoke was coming out of the Ferrari. So Honkon just pulled over, exited the vehicle, and called the fire department. He spent the next 20 minutes watching his dream burn down almost completely.

AI-powered shampoo machines take over salons



Beijing: It seems the hair care industry is already using artificial intelligence to automate hair-washing process in hair salons. According to reports, AI-powered hair-washing devices have been spotted at hair salons in various districts of China. The innovative machines reportedly rely on infrared sensors to detect the user's scalp and then select the right shampoo and shampooing method based on the person's hair type.

According to a hair salon owner, the shampooing machines feature several built-in washing modes, like speed wash, normal, extra time, or water shower, as well as three different scalp massage intensity settings. The machines also have different modes for long and short hair clients.

HEALTH CAPSULE

High blood pressure often has no symptoms but can lead to serious health problems. Regular monitoring is essential.

By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Internal medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

University of Mysore to offer 28 student documents online

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SPN&VNS)- Students of University of Mysore (UoM) will no longer need to visit Crawford Hall, the administrative block, to obtain essential documents like marks cards, convocation certificates, and more. The University has digitised 28 student-related documents, allowing them to be accessed online. The online initiative aims to reduce paperwork, save time for students and enhance transparency in administration.

This initiative is especially beneficial for students commuting from districts like Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Mysuru, who previously had to travel to the University, often shuttling between the bank and Crawford Hall to pay fees and submit applications. Now, they can apply for documents from the comfort of their homes. "We are yet to officially launch the website in the public domain, but it is expected to go live by the end of this month. This service will significantly help students from distant places," said Prof. N. Nagaraj, Registrar (Evaluation), UoM.

Earlier, under Sakala scheme, the University ensured document delivery within 20 days of application, with penalties for officials who missed deadlines. However, the system was discontinued after a few months.

With the upcoming online portal, the University is now training staff to handle digital applications efficiently. Once launched, documents are expected to be issued within a week. In urgent cases, students can apply online and collect their documents in person after two days.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **98.76 feet**	Today's level **2,265.85 feet**	Today's level **2,832.27 feet**
Last year's level **82.38 feet**	Last year's level **2,261.43 feet**	Last year's level **2,825.30 feet**
Yesterday's level **99.20 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,266.00 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,832.3 feet**
Today's Inflow **131 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **160 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **115 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,838 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Squirrels usually eat nuts and their next favourites are fruits and seeds.*
- *Squirrels are born blind. Flying squirrels can't fly like birds.*
- *They rather glide from tree to tree.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"You look all broken up. What is the matter?"

"I wrote home for money for a study lamp," replied the college student.

"So what?"

"They sent the lamp."

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 114.09
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.18
1 Euro	= Rs. 98.14

VOICE OF THE READER

Citizens deserve a say in Mysuru's green future

Sir,

The recent move by the Minister for Environment and Forests, Eshwar B. Khandre to seek a report on the felling of 40 mature trees on Hyder Ali Road in Mysuru is a welcome step, especially against the background of the PWD's proposal to cut down 175 trees and the marking of 125 more for road widening along the Manandavadi Road and Dattagalli.

However, the justification by the authorities that public protests are "common" during development projects is deeply concerning. The idea that stakeholders have no voice in such decisions, which concerns the crucial issue of Mysuru's green future, undermines the very essence of participatory democracy and the responsibilities of public institutions.

The Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976, clearly lays down the procedure to be followed in such cases. An application is mandatory to seek permission to fell trees, accompanied by a site plan indicating the exact location, species, girth and reasons for removal.

The Tree Officer must conduct an inspection, consider alternatives such as transplantation and stipulate conditions for compensatory planting. These details should have been shared with the public rather than brushing aside their protest.

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In countries like New Zealand and Australia, civic councils handle tree-felling proposals with transparency and public involvement. For instance, in Auckland, the Council publicly publishes each application in its original form, complete with signatures, in its community journal and online.

Copies are placed in their offices for the stakeholders' benefit. The public is invited to submit objections, which are then discussed in open forums. **This protocol is followed even for a single tree.**

In many instances, public opposition has led to project redesigns or delays to preserve trees, especially heritage varieties.

Trees are not just ornamental — they are critical to our environmental health and urban resilience. **They cool our cities, improve air quality, shelter a variety of birds and offer aesthetic benefits.** Each tree lost is a severe blow to the ecosystem and the community at large.

Civic authorities who operate with public funds have accountability to taxpayers. Ignoring public opinion on such important matters that concerns our city's environment is nothing short of bad governance — it is a violation of their right to be heard.

—Gouri Satya,
Sr. Journalist
Melbourne, Australia
22.4.2025

City agri-scientist's invention receives patent for curing virus-affected crops

Mysuru, Apr. 22- Renowned agri-scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura of Mysuru has been granted a patent for his revolutionary plant-based product 'POWER PLUS' — a major milestone in the fight against viral diseases in crops, especially the devastating Papaya Ring Spot Virus (PRSV).

Dr. Vasanth Kumar

Black and white difference between treated and untreated virus infected papaya plants — compelling evidence for curative effect of Power Plus.

This announcement comes six years after *Star of Mysore* first reported on the pioneering success of Dr. Thimakapura's field demonstrations in combating PRSV through a unique bio-formulation.

The latest recognition in the form of a Government-granted patent cements the product's scientific and practical merit, marking it as a first-of-its-kind solution for plant virus management.

"While the world still lacks a chemical remedy for plant virus infections, POWER PLUS has consistently shown remarkable recovery in virus-infected crops across different geographies," said Dr. Thimakapura, who has been affectionately called the 'Plant Doctor' by farmers across Karnataka.

A long journey

Dr. Thimakapura, Founder of Krishi Jnana Vijnana Vedike, has spent over two decades working directly with farmers to tackle disease outbreaks in horticultural and field crops. The journey that began with experimental treatments in papaya fields has now expanded to crops like banana, tomato, black pepper, chrysanthemum and cassava.

The 2019 field trial reported in this paper showcased the remarkable recovery of virus-infected papaya plants, which returned to fruiting stages with healthy leaves after regular application of POWER PLUS. These early field successes inspired further trials and eventually led to the patent application.

"Unlike typical pesticides or resistance-breeding, this innovation focuses on reviving plant's own physiological systems," explained Dr. Thimakapura.

Following its success in India, the formulation has also shown promise in international trials conducted in the UK and the USA. Notably, it has demonstrated encouraging results on both RNA and DNA viruses, providing a ray of hope for global agriculture, especially smallholder farmers grappling with virus outbreaks.

In cassava — a staple food crop in Africa — POWER PLUS has been successful in mitigating Cassava Mosaic Disease.

Dr. Thimakapura is actively exploring collaborations with agricultural Universities, research institutions and philanthropic agencies like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to take this innovation to the world's most vulnerable farming communities.

The patent strengthens India's position in agricultural innovation and offers a scientifically validated, eco-friendly and scalable solution for a long-standing global problem. For details, contact Dr. Thimakapura on Mob: 98453-47884.

Vaccination for Haj pilgrims held

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (AP)- Vaccination and training camp for Haj pilgrims was held at R.K. Palace near P&T Quarters at Udayagiri in city yesterday.

The pilgrims from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts were selected by Karnataka State Haj Committee through lottery system.

The camp was inaugurated by Chairman of Karnataka State Haj Committee Zulfikhar Ahmed.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, who launched the vaccination programme, said that 331 pilgrims from Mysuru district, 116 from Kodagu, 62 from Mandya and 44 pilgrims from Chamarajanagar district underwent health check-up and were administered vaccination and health cards were issued to them.

Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff, Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Zaka Ulla, Secretary of Muslim Girls Orphanage Abdul Azeez Chand, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority Ayub Khan, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, ABS Group Managing Director Syed Abbas and others were present.

CII's Environmental, Social and Governance conference at JSS

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BCT)- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, will host the CII Mysuru ESG Conference and Expo 2025 on Apr. 23 at the JSS Technical Institutions Campus, Mysuru.

Themed "Driving Sustainable Transformation: Aligning Business with Sustainability," the event aims to foster dialogue and provide actionable insights on embedding Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles into core business strategies, operations and governance models.

The day-long conference will convene industry leaders, sustainability professionals, academicians, and key stakeholders to explore emerging trends and best practices in ESG implementation.

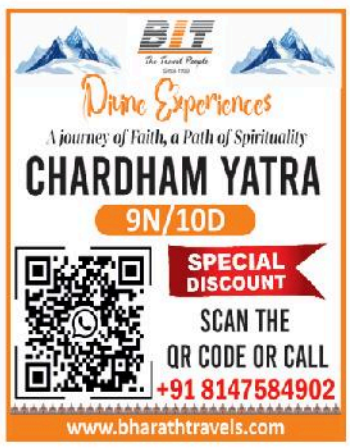
The inaugural session will feature speakers, including Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science and Technology University; Sam Cherian, Managing Director of Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.; Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman of CII Mysuru Zone; and Sohanjeet Randhawa, Director of Sustainability and Communication at Volvo Group India Pvt. Ltd. and C.P. Ganapathy, Senior Regional Head - Facility, Infosys Ltd.

The first technical session, "Decarbonising Industries: Pathways to Net-Zero Emissions and Resource Utilisation," will explore sustainable industrial practices, focusing on energy efficiency, carbon reduction and innovation, with speakers from JMS Biotech, Brigade Group, Infosys and Paryaavarneer Engineers.

The second session, "The Business Case for ESG Accounting – Growth, Risk & Compliance," will cover ESG accounting, regulatory frameworks (BRSR, ESRS, CSRD), digital tools and financial benefits, featuring insights from KPMG, ORB Energy, GovEVA and Automotive Axles Ltd.

Panel Discussion-I will focus on MSMEs, highlighting ESG-readiness, certifications like ZED and Ecovadis and AI-driven tools, with experts from RSJ Inspection Service, Cam-Pro Technologies, RIU.Ai, Global PCCS, and Paryaavarneer Engineers.

The final session, Panel Discussion-II, will address Scope 3 emissions, supply chain metrics and ESG risk management, led by speakers from Bhartiya Skill Development University, Schevaran Cleanfix Academy and EcoMorphosys.



NEWS BRIEFS

Phone-in with Traffic ACP on JSS FM radio tomorrow

ACP (Traffic) M. Shivashankar will be participating in a phone-in on traffic rules and regulations, organised by JSS 91.2 FM Radio station tomorrow (Apr. 23) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. The general public can call and raise queries related to following of traffic rules and regulations and the implications due to violations, city traffic system and solutions to the related issues. The public can also share their suggestions if any to redress the issues. Call on Mob: 82967-25912 or ph: 0821-2546563.

Ph.D awardee

N. Manohar has been awarded Ph.D in Electronics by Davangere University for his thesis 'IoT Based Multilingual Assistive Device to Enhance Communication in Clients with Speech Impairment: An Exploratory Study' submitted under the guidance of Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 22

LSG Vs **DC**

Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH APRIL 23

SRH Vs **MI**

Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

GT 198/3 (20 overs)
BEAT
KKR 159/8 (20 overs)

Live telecast on:
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Residents air grievances at Chamaraja MLA's padayatra in Tilaknagar

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BLU&BS)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda yesterday undertook a padayatra in Tilaknagar, coming under his Constituency and received grievances from the residents.

Most of the residents complained about disruption in water supply severely inconveniencing the consumers, with no alternative measures taken to supply drinking water in tanker. The Underground Drainage (UGD) line is also damaged often leading to clogging and overflowing of sewage water from the manholes, with several complaints made to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) meeting cold response.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda surrounded by residents during a padayatra organised to receive grievances at Tilaknagar in the city yesterday.

The other grievances raised by the residents were related to the unkempt storm water drains, with the MCC gangmen cleaning them on their own whim, leading to mosquito menace and the people falling ill. The buildings belonging to MCC and Health Office at Tilak Nagar have turned into a den of illicit activities, with the miscreants gambling in the evening hours. The women and children are feared to move around without any fear. The construction works of Community Halls remain incomplete and the works be completed at the earliest and the halls be opened for public use. The Government Hospital that was earlier functioning well remains closed now, with the local residents forced to rely on K.R. Hospital for treatment for any health issues.

There are huge trees with the branches extending towards the road, that pose a threat of falling down in case of heavy rainfall. Such branches should be removed for public safety, the residents urged the MLA.

MLA Harishgowda directed the MCC officials to take steps to redress the grievances that come under their purview and assured to discuss with the Police officials about the nuisance of miscreants.

Former Mayor Ananthu, former Corporator Nandakumar, Block Congress President Ramesh Rayappa, MCC Deputy Commissioner K.J. Sindhu, Assistant Commissioner Prathibha, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Venkatesh were present.

Mid-day meals: Officials told to ensure clean kitchens, quality food

Picture for representation only.

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SPN&VNS)- In a bid to improve the quality of food served under the mid-day meal scheme, the Department of School Education and Literacy has issued strict guidelines to ensure cleanliness and hygiene in school kitchens.

Headmasters, headmistresses and School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) members have been directed to personally verify food quality before serving to students.

Schools have also been asked to constitute a separate mothers' committee to oversee food quality. These measures follow a social audit report for the academic year 2023-24, which flagged 12 lapses in the implementation of the scheme.

During a recent virtual meeting between the Union Ministry of Education and State-level officials, new guidelines under the PM Poshan (mid-day meal) scheme were outlined. Acting on these, Commissioner of School Education and Literacy Dr. K.V. Thrilok Chandra held a meeting with officials, instructing them to ensure students receive nutritious and hygienic meals every day.

Schools must now maintain a daily register detailing cleanliness, grocery vendors and other operational aspects. Additionally, schools have been instructed to strictly follow the prescribed menu and implement proper storage practices using FIFO (First In, First Out) and FEFO (First Expired, First Out) methods for groceries.

Education Department officials—including the Deputy Directors (Administration and Development), Education Officers, District Physical Education Officers and Assistant Education Officers (AEOs)—have been directed to conduct regular school visits, hold review meetings and provide necessary guidance.

To instil confidence among parents, all headmasters, headmistresses and teachers have been instructed to eat the mid-day meal with students each day. This step is aimed at reassuring parents about the quality and safety of the food being served.

Food safety team raids paneer shops, collect samples for test

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BLU&BS)- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) officials raided the shops selling paneer (panneer) in the city and collected the samples for test, following the complaints of selling spurious and sub-standard food ingredient.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi, had recently flagged concerns about the selling of paneer that are of low quality and fake, unfit for consumption across the country. He had written to the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda, urging for action against such adulterated food vendors.

FSSAI Designated Officer Dr. S.L. Ravindra led team of officials raided the shops selling paneer in the city and collected the samples that were sent for chemical test and microorganism test. If they are found of substandard quality, a case will be booked against the vendors at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Court. If they are found unsafe for consumption, a case will be booked at JMFC Court, Mysuru, said Dr. Ravindra.

It may be mentioned that, a similar raid on paneer vendors was conducted in August 2024 and 9 samples were collected and tested in the laboratory. Of them, 6 samples were of good quality, 1 each unsafe and of sub-standard quality.

Bar bender electrocuted

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SBD&KS)- A bar bender who was working in an under-construction building fell from the building and died after being electrocuted.

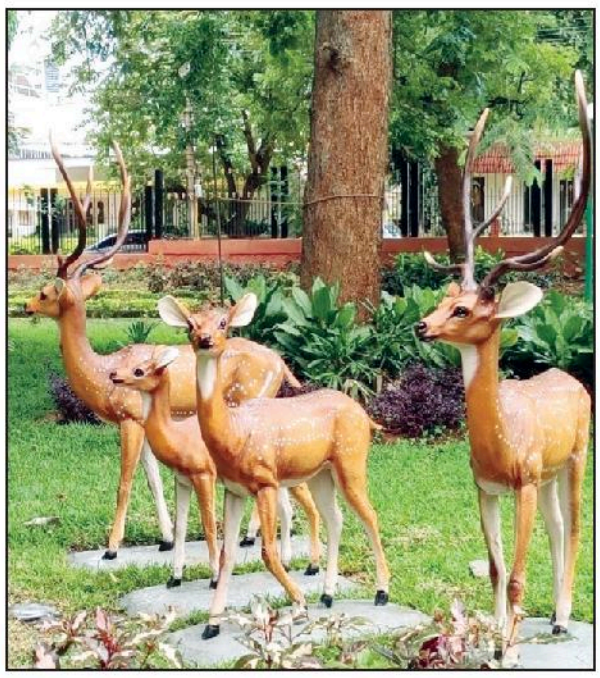
The tragic incident took place at K.R. Mills Colony on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway recently and the deceased has been identified as Ravi (35), a resident of Vinayaka Colony in T. Narasipur.

Ravi was involved in bending iron roads for the roof of the first floor house in K.R. Mills Colony 'A' Block, when he accidentally came in contact with a live wire and fell to the ground from the first floor resulting in him sustaining serious injuries.

Though he was rushed to a private hospital in the Outer Ring Road, Ravi is said to have succumbed to injuries at the hospital, Police said.

A complaint against building owner, engineer and supervisor (*mesthri*), accusing them of negligence has been lodged at Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station in the city.

Taponandana Park stands out with rural-themed sculptures



Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&BCT)- Amidst the deteriorating condition of several parks in Mysuru due to poor maintenance, Taponandana Park in Kuvempunagar shines as an exception. With its rural-themed atmosphere and over 50 sculptures of animals and village life, the park has become a significant attraction for morning walkers, children and the general public.

Spread across four acres behind JSS Law College, the park has undergone a Rs. 1 crore makeover, now nearing its final stage.

The development features sculptures inspired by rural aesthetics, bringing a unique charm to the space. Though yet to be officially inaugurated, the park is already drawing visitors with its artistic recreations of countryside scenes.

Over 50 artworks captivate visitors

Taponandana Park showcases sculptures of popular characters and animals, including Chota Bheem, Mickey Mouse, a tiger, a lion and deer, all crafted from cement and fibre. These colourful creations particularly delight children.

Adding to its appeal, the park vividly portrays rural life through artistic installations. Sculptures depict a woman drawing water from a well, farmers ploughing their fields, a woman carrying a lunch basket and a shepherd tending to his sheep, offering visitors a glimpse into the simplicity and beauty of village life.

One of the main highlights of Taponandana Park is a striking sculpture group depicting three people cutting down a tree, while Mother Nature embraces it to prevent its destruction. This powerful artwork aims to raise awareness about environmental conservation.

A fusion of art, nature

A team led by Bengaluru-based artist Devaraju has dedicated the past few months to meticulously craft these sculptures. The park, located in the Ward represented by former Mayor Shivakumar, has been developed in phases over the past four years at a cost of Rs. 1 crore. With the final phase now complete, the park is ready for inauguration.

Taponandana Park showcases sculptures that celebrate environmental conservation, rural life and wildlife. Visitors have praised the lifelike quality of the artworks, which vividly capture the essence of the countryside and wilderness.

C.S. Devaraju,
Sculptor,
Vajragiri Art World

> "The park has quickly become a hub for art enthusiasts and morning walkers alike. Many visitors are capturing memories by posing with the sculptures, making the park a popular destination. With its unique blend of art and nature, Taponandana Park offers a refreshing experience that resonates with everyone who steps inside."

Thoughts on Earth Day

By Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere

Vombatkere

The night-time felling of 75-year-old Peltophorum trees by the Mysuru City Corporation on Hyder Ali Road shocked the people of Mysuru.

In an unprecedented expression of outrage, nearly 2,000 Mysureans assembled on the evening of Apr. 18, 2025, at the site of this "green carnage" and stood peacefully and silently with lit candles, mourning the loss of these 40 trees, which left the birds and insects homeless.

Although this public demonstration occurred five days after the "murder", as the sun set, flocks of birds were observed flying around above their former homes in these trees, unbelieving that their nightly refuge with their nests and chicks was no more. After circling, the birds flew away, obviously to find other night lodgings.

These birds, displaced due to the trees being felled, would have sought perches in other trees, where colonies of birds had already settled to nest, feed and breed. It can be surmised that these newcomers were not exactly welcome in the earlier society of settlers. They were intruders into a space already occupied by birds and insects.

The sudden influx of birds seeking refuge causes social disruption of bird colonies, overloading and destabilizing already viable ecological systems of each tree. All this is about birds and insects, victims of tree-felling for road-widening, searching for their former habitats in 40 urban trees.

A Note On Earth Day

"Earth Day is observed on Apr. 22 every year, starting in 1970. It is meant to increase awareness of the need to protect our planet's natural resources, and as a reminder of the interconnectedness of all living things, and the importance of preserving our environment for future generations. It is also meant to encourage individuals, communities and governments to confront and manage environmental and ecological threats. The theme of Earth Day 2025, is "Our Power, Our Planet", which focusses on the importance of collective action and individual responsibility in environmental and ecological protection."

Climate change, global warming

The public demonstration on Apr. 18 indicates that Mysureans have ecological and environmental awareness. They observed, messaged each other, and spoke about the loss of habitat for birds and insects, about environmental effects of loss of shade under the trees, about loss of tree cover causing higher temperatures and reducing the oxygen in the atmosphere. Mostly unspoken but realised, especially among younger folk, is the ongoing climate change caused by global warming.

Thoughts turn to the systematic felling of millions of trees over the years, in the rich forests of our Western Ghats. This has destroyed habitats, food sources and societies of birds and insects, and of larger animals. At the global level, enormous swathes of forest on all continents have been similarly destroyed.

We understand that trees, too, have life and, when removed by chainsaws or bulldozers, they die silently. Just like displaced birds and insects, felled forest trees do not threaten humans. They cause no immediate 'problems' for humans.

Disruption in food chain

But when forest trees are felled, the food chain, habitats and migration routes for larger animals is disrupted or destroyed. In Mysuru city and surroundings, we have increasingly frequent incidents of man-animal conflict, when leopards, tigers and elephants stray into rural and urban spaces, and are a threat to growing populations of human societies. But this is not peculiar to Mysuru — this happening all over India and across the globe.

Many people are beginning to connect the disastrous loss of lives, property, land and livelihood caused by avalanches, landslides and flash floods, with large-scale deforestation. These disasters are significantly worsened by the sudden, unseasonal or extreme events of climate change induced by global warming. But sadly, governments are slow to understand the adverse social, economic and political consequences.

On this Earth Day 2025, it is well to recall that we humans are an integral part of the local and global environment and larger ecological systems, just like any tree or plant, insect, reptile, bird or animal. As a society and as a species, we need to realise that what we do to Earth, we do to ourselves. If we improve Earth's environment, we improve our lives; conversely, if we destroy it, we destroy ourselves along with other life forms.

Groundwater levels in Mysuru steadily rises

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Today, groundwater in Mysuru is available at an average depth of just 26.41 ft., a sharp contrast to cities like Bengaluru, where the water table plunges beyond 150 ft. This shallow depth reflects not just favourable weather but also Mysuru's growing commitment to sustainable water management — a true cause for celebration this Earth Day.

10-year data

The yearly average groundwater level across the nine taluks has varied over the years, recording 10.5 metres (34.44 ft.) in 2015, 12.96 metres (42.51 ft.) in 2016, 13.65 metres (44.77 ft.) in 2017, 10.68 metres (35.03 ft.) in 2018, 10.47 metres (34.34 ft.) in 2019, 10.06 metres (33.00 ft.) in 2020, 10.26 metres (33.65 ft.) in 2021, 7.52 metres (24.67 ft.) in 2022, 10.05 metres (32.96 ft.) in 2023 and 10.18 metres (33.39 ft.) in 2024. Overall, the average rise across the district has been recorded at 0.32 meters (1 ft.) in 10 years.

While there were some fluctuations, the long-term trend indicates gradual improvement, largely attributed to good rainfall patterns and increased awareness of water conservation.

In addition to the rise in groundwater levels, data from the Government also shows a steady improvement in static water levels — the depth at which water stands in a well or borehole under normal, undisturbed conditions.

Rain and groundwater recharge

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Prasanna Kumar, Senior Geologist, District Groundwater Office, Ground Water Directorate, Mysuru, said that heavy to very heavy rainfall during 2024 contributed to significant groundwater recharge across the region.

Mysuru district received 965 mm of rainfall between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024, surpassing the normal annual average of 837 mm, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

He noted that Mysuru is categorised as a 'safe district' when it comes to groundwater usage. "While cities like Bengaluru report over 100 percent usage, indicating excessive exploitation — Mysuru utilises only about 55 percent of its groundwater, leaving 45 percent intact. A district where usage remains between 0 to 60 percent is considered safe," he explained.

Rainwater harvesting

Groundwater in the district is primarily used for drinking, irrigation and commercial activities. According to Dr. Prasanna, increased adoption of rainwater harvesting by residents, encouraged by the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation, is also playing a vital role in conservation.

"There is renewed public interest in rainwater harvesting, and many homes are taking steps in that direction. Moreover, after 2021, the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner has been insisting on all Govt. offices to mandatorily implement rainwater harvesting. This has led to widespread adoption of the system," he said.

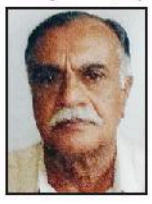
With Mysuru receiving about 800 mm of rainfall annually, even a modest 200 sq. ft rooftop can harvest up to 15,000 litres of water every year. For a family of five to six members, whose average household water requirement is around 10,000 litres, this harvested rainwater alone can meet the annual demand.

At present, the groundwater situation in Mysuru city and the district headquarters is not under threat, as the city's water supply is largely sourced from surface water bodies like the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and the Kabini Dam. Additionally, lift irrigation projects that fill village lakes, tanks and ponds have significantly contributed to groundwater recharge.

Studies assessing pollution due to urbanisation have shown no significant adverse effects on water quality in the region. Groundwater quality across the Mysuru district is generally good and potable. The Central Ground Water Board, which monitors water quality annually, has consistently reported that the groundwater here remains of high quality.

Obituary

Kandrathanda Mittu Poonacha



Mysuru, Apr. 22- Kandrathanda Mittu Poonacha (82), a resident of No. 102, Brigade Parkway, 2nd Main, Vontikoppal, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his brother Kandrathanda Sunny Muthappa, sister *Padma Shri* awardee Imudiyanda Rani Machaiah and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today.

City Churches pay tribute to Pope Francis

India declares three-day State mourning

Archbishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras heading a condolence prayer meeting for Pope Francis, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in the city.

Mysuru/New Delhi, Apr. 22 (BLU&KS) - Rich tributes were paid at city Churches to Pope Francis, who passed away yesterday morning.

Praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, the Diocese of Mysuru had organised a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church) yesterday evening which was led by Archbishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Mysore Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras. He was joined by more than 100 nuns, 18 priests and others. The Apostolic Administrator preached about the greatness of the Pope and how he was well connected to him through the ministry.

Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, explained the procedures of what happens after the death of a Pope at the beginning of the Mass.

Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeda, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Cathedral said that the Churches will observe nine-day mourning and added that a condolence meeting will be held on the eve of the Pope's funeral at all Churches as per the instructions from the Vatican City, which is yet to be received.

India declares three-day State mourning

India has declared a three-day State mourning as a mark of respect for Pope Francis, who passed away on Monday. The mourning will be observed across the country on Apr. 22 and 23, and again on the day of the Pope's funeral.

"His Holiness Pope Francis, Supreme Pontiff of the Holy See, passed away today, the 21st April, 2025. As a mark of respect, three-day State Mourning shall be observed throughout India, in the following manner: Two days' State Mourning on Tuesday, the 22nd April, 2025 and Wednesday, the 23rd April, 2025. One day's State Mourning on the day of the funeral," the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said in a statement.

According to the MHA, during the period of State mourning, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast, and there will be no official entertainment.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the Pope's death. He said Pope Francis' "affection for the people of India will always be cherished."

"Deeply pained by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. In this hour of grief and remembrance, my heartfelt condolences to the global Catholic community. Pope Francis will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world. From a young age, he devoted himself towards realising the ideals of Lord Christ. He diligently served the poor and downtrodden. For those who were suffering, he ignited a spirit of hope," PM Modi said a post on X.

"I fondly recall my meetings with him and was greatly inspired by his commitment to inclusive and all-around development. His affection for the people of India will always be cherished. May his soul find eternal peace in God's embrace," the Prime Minister added.

To all the Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Mysore

It is with deep sorrow that I share the news of the death of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, who was called to the house of the Father today (21/4/2025 at around 11am IST) at Vatican Residence in Rome.

Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras

Pope Francis has been a tireless shepherd of the Church, a humble servant of the Gospel, and a prophetic voice for peace, mercy, and justice in our world. His pontificate has been marked by a deep love for the poor, a passion for the environment, and a steadfast commitment to dialogue and reconciliation.

In his pastoral simplicity and unwavering faith, he has brought the face of Christ to many and reminded us of the Church's mission to go out to the peripheries.

As we mourn his passing, let us give thanks to God for the gift of his life and leadership. In these days of mourning, I ask all priests, religious, and communities in our diocese to offer Masses and prayers for the eternal repose of his soul. Let bells toll in our churches as a sign of our grief and unity with the universal Church.

In a particular way, I invite every parish, institution and religious communities to offer a special Holy Mass within this week for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, to pray the Rosary and the Office for the Dead, and to include intentions for Pope Francis in all liturgical celebrations in the coming days.

May the Lord, whom he served with fidelity and joy, grant him eternal rest and welcome him into the glory of heaven.

Let us remain united in prayer with the entire Church as we commend his soul to the mercy of God.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

In the love of Christ,

Archbishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Mysore Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras

National Civil Services Day: Reform and Indian Railways

By Syed Sarfraj Ahmed
DIG-CSC/RPF/SWR

Syed Sarfraj Ahmed

April 21st marks National Civil Services Day, a tribute to civil servants whose tireless work supports India's governance, development, and public service delivery. On this day in 1947, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the first batch of civil servants, calling them the "steel frame of India." Today, that frame is evolving into a dynamic engine of transformation.

India's civil services are undergoing a major shift—from colonial-era control to citizen-centric, transparent, and tech-enabled governance. Initiatives like Mission Karmayogi and the drive for Maximum Governance, Minimum Government aim to build a professional, proactive, and compassionate bureaucracy aligned with the vision of a New India.

The Indian Railways exemplifies this transformation. Once viewed as a slow-moving institution, it is now a beacon of modernization — developing world-class stations under the Amrit Bharat Scheme, operating dedicated freight corridors, and embracing indigenous technology.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways launched Oxygen Express, Shramik Specials, and Kisan Rails, showcasing unprecedented responsiveness. The Railway Protection Force (RPF), traditionally behind the scenes, emerged as a compassionate force — rescuing over 15,000 children (Operation Nanhe Farishtey), supporting 46 lakh women (Meri Saheli), saving 8,455 lives (Mission Jeevan Raksha), and returning Rs. 172 crore in lost property (Operation Amanat).

Events like the 2025 Mahakumbh further demonstrated the Railways' tech-enabled crowd management and humane service.

As we honour our civil servants today, let's celebrate their evolving role — not just as administrators, but as change-makers building a stronger, inclusive India.

CCB to probe retired DGP Om Prakash murder case

Wife remanded to 14 days' judicial custody; daughter in NIMHANS for mental evaluation

Bengaluru, Apr. 22 (Agencies)- The high-profile murder case of retired Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) Om Prakash has been transferred to the Central Crime Branch (CCB), which will formally take over the investigation from Tuesday.

Om Prakash

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B. Dayananda has directed that the CCB's Women's Wing handle the probe. Pallavi Om Prakash, wife of the deceased, was taken into custody along with her daughter, Kriti, from the crime scene.

DCP South-East Sarah Fathima said that Kriti has been sent to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) for mental evaluation as of now. Sources, however, stated that Kriti has been admitted to the NIMHANS.

Police sources stated that Pallavi was produced before the magistrate and has been remanded to 14 days' judicial custody. She has been shifted to the Bengaluru Central Prison. DCP Sarah Fathima had earlier stated that the police department is not seeking her custody anymore.

The body of the 68-year-old former DGP was found with multiple stab wounds at his residence in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, on Sunday. Following the discovery, the Police detained Pallavi and Kriti for questioning.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Om Prakash sustained 8 to 10 stab wounds, primarily to the chest and abdomen, resulting in heavy bleeding. Blood stains found on the dining room floor suggest a struggle took place.

Meanwhile, in a complaint filed by Karthik Prakash, the couple's son, it is alleged that Pallavi and Kriti suffered from depression and frequently fought with his father. In the complaint, Karthik stated he "strongly suspected" both were involved in the murder.

135th Ramotsava of Ramabhyudaya Sabha Concludes

Simple, Touching and musical

On the concluding day of the Ramotsava music series by Ramabhyudaya Sabha at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 18, city's renowned musician **Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar** gave a vocal concert with her daughter **Vidu. Sumana Vedant.** They were accompanied by young **Janardhan**, a disciple of Sangeeta Kalanidhi Kanyakumari on violin, **Cheluvaraju** on mridanga, **Gurumurty** on ghata and Sukanya's most beloved student Meera Manjunath on tambura shruti.

Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and her daughter Vidu. Sumana Vedant presenting a vocal concert at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 18. They are accompanied by Janardhan on violin, Cheluvaraju on mridanga, Gurumurty on ghata and Meera Manjunath on tambura shruti.

Sukanya never takes any performance lightly. She always prepares herself thoroughly well for each performance irrespective of the venue, which shows in her singing.

The mother and daughter commenced their concert with a brisk varna in Kambhoji 'SarasijanAbha' set to Atta tala 'by Swati Tirunal, which set the tone for the concert. A short sketch of Alapana of Bahudari led to 'Prasanna GaNapatE pAhi' by Mysore T. Chowdiah, a pleasant surprise as it is hardly heard in concerts. This was also topped with just a teaser quota of swaras.

Bhogavasanta was deeply evocative, unfolding with grace and clarity. The Kriti that followed 'AmbA Sri kAmakshi' by His highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar was rendered with good diction and bhava, bringing out the lyrical beauty of the composition. Cheluvaraju's support on mridanga was melodic without being overwhelming, keeping in mood with the main artistes.

An ugaboga 'Hari ninna nAma smarisalu durita peeDipudunTe' followed by the popular devaranama 'neenyAko ninna hangyAkO Ranga' in Brindavana Saranga was marked for the devotion content in the rendition. 'Shankari sadAnanda lahari pAhi' in Malavi, again by Sri Jayachamaraja Wdiyar, again a rarely heard number, was a good lively filler after which the duo chose Simhendra Madhyama for detailed rendition. The raga was elaborated with finesse and imagination, keeping the listeners captivating. While the seasoned musician dwelt on the lower notes and the Madhya sthayi, Sumana essayed on upper sthayi. Sri Swati Tirunal's 'RAma RAma guNa seema' set to vilamba Adi tala was sung in the right speed. The young violinist Janardhan's version of the raga was equally good and won appreciation from the audience. The line 'Muni mAnasa dhAma'(the only neraval in the three hour concert) was chosen for melodic and lyrical improvisation. Sumana can work more on neraval singing and the kalpana swaras that followed by the senior musician were thankfully unspeedy and therefore melodic, thereby bringing out the raga bhava.

Senior mridangist Cheluvaraju and Gurumurthy on ghata offered rhythmic support that was both sensitive and energetic, culminating in a thrilling taniyavartanam that earned great applause.

In the post-tani part, a devaranama 'RAma embuva eraDaksharada mahimeyanu' prefixed with an ugaboga 'Sakala vEdagalige sAravAgiha mantra' by Sri Purandara Dasaru and 'Ena bEDali nAnu ninna baLige bandu' by Sri Gopala Dasaru were sweetly rendered.

Nowhere in the concert was the lyrical content in the compositions ignored. Sahitya was given utmost importance. Bhakti and Bhava ruled the concert. While announcing the compositions, the vocalist also gave additional information about them, which was most welcome and enlightening. Sumana is blessed with a very sweet and mellifluous voice that is just mesmerising. With this stalwart as her mother and with more practice, she can certainly reach taller heights in the field.

Thus the music series of Ramabhyudaya Sabha of 2025 came to a close with this concert. Dr. Sriram and his wife Mamata Sriram must be applauded for their selfless service in conducting this grand event year after year with utmost devotion. It was happy to see them being felicitated on the final day. The listeners were given delicious and sumptuous prasadam everyday after the concert, which was an additional attraction.

To sum up the concerts, the youngsters who performed can cut their speed in rendition and sahitya and the bhava in them can be more concentrated upon. The push for speed is universal these days. But in the enthusiasm of rendering them in racy speed, the emotion with which the composer has composed the compositions is forgotten. It is understandable that it is very difficult to render the compositions in the speed that they prefer to, keeping in tune with the swarsthana and shruti and in the zeal to exhibit their caliber and ability, they run after speed. In the years to come, their music will sober with maturity in singing. Let us look forward to the next Ramotsava with more of such divine concerts.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Chaitra Surabhi: A Melodious Beginning

Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, renowned for its innovative approach to Karnatak music, continues to set benchmarks in musical education and performance. Their programmes are meticulously curated to foster both theoretical understanding and practical expertise among students. A notable addition to their annual repertoire is 'Chaitra Surabhi,' a series of concerts held during the Chaitra month, aimed at celebrating the rich tapestry of classical music.

To inaugurate this series, Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, the esteemed Director of Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, organised a grand vocal recital by the celebrated sisters, **Vidushis Ranjani and Gayatri,** on Apr. 12, at the historic Jaganmohan Palace in Mysuru. The concert featured the accomplished accompanists: **Vid. Vittal Rangan** on violin, **Vid. Manoj Shiva** on mridanga and **Vid. Omkar Rao** on ghata.

Vidushis Ranjani and Gayatri performing at Jaganmohan Palace in city on Apr. 12 as part of 'Chaitra Surabhi' organised by Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira. They are accompanied by Vid. Vittal Rangan on violin, Vid. Manoj Shiva on mridanga and Vid. Omkar Rao on ghata.

The evening commenced with a rendition of Shyama Shastri's 'Neelayatakshi' in the raga Paras, a composition that was both intricate and emotive, setting a high standard for the recital. The sisters' rendition of Purandara Dasa's 'Venkatesha dayamado' in raga Shahana was marked by clear diction and devotional fervour. In a refreshing departure from the expected, they chose Muthuswami Dikshitar's 'Soundararajam ashrayeham' in Brindavana Saranga, showcasing their versatility and deep understanding of ragas.

The Todi raga alapana, presented with depth and nuance, highlighted the sisters' mastery in unravelling the complexities of ragas. Their interpretation of Tyagaraja's 'Ninnuvina sukhamuganu' was imbued with emotional depth, with the neraval at 'Ragarasika ragarahitha tyagaraja bhagadeya' enhancing the raga's essence. The subsequent kalpana swaras were executed with precision, reflecting the artists' technical prowess.

Ranjani's exploration of raga Mohana was both captivating and serene, demonstrating her command over the raga's nuances. In a unique collaborative segment, Gayatri presented an elaborate alapana of raga Ranjani, leading to a dual raga pallavi in both Mohana and Ranjani, set in Chatusra Triputa tala in Khanda nadai. This innovative approach captivated the audience, with the subsequent neraval transitioning into a ragamalika that traversed ragas Jaganmohini, Reethigowla and Bhageshree, leaving listeners in awe.

The percussion duo of Manoj Shiva and Omkar Rao provided a dynamic and engaging tani avartana, adding rhythmic brilliance to the performance. The concert concluded with a ugabhoga in Hamsanandi and a devotional piece, 'Thaluvikegintha tapavu illa' by Vadiraja, in raga Sindhubhairavi, bringing the evening to a poignant close. This inaugural 'Chaitra Surabhi' concert was a testament to the rich traditions of Karnatak music, blending innovation with reverence. The meticulous planning and execution by Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, under the guidance of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, ensured an evening that was both intellectually enriching and artistically fulfilling.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Mysuru may face water crisis in 15 years, warns former engineer

Participants of workshop on 'Rainwater Harvesting and Plumbing Technologies for Groundwater Table Improvement in Borewells and Open Wells' held at the Institution of Engineers, seen with the certificates.

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&DM)- Raising alarm over the rapid depletion of water resources due to unchecked urbanisation, former Irrigation Department Engineer H. Ramesh cautioned that Mysuru could face a severe water crisis within the next 15 years if immediate measures are not taken to use water judiciously.

He was speaking at a workshop on 'Rainwater Harvesting and Plumbing Technologies for Groundwater Table Improvement in Borewells and Open Wells', organised by the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Plumbing and Underground Drainage Workers Welfare Association at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here recently.

"Even regions in South Interior Karnataka that receive relatively high rainfall are now dependent on water tankers during summer. This should serve as a wake-up call," Ramesh warned, emphasising the urgent need for public awareness and responsible water usage.

He underlined that rainwater harvesting is key to sustaining water needs and recharging groundwater levels. "It is worrying that numerous lakes and tanks have vanished, replaced by buildings, apartments, and commercial complexes," he said.

Citing the example of Bengaluru, Ramesh noted that the number of water bodies has drastically reduced from 288 to just 33. "Mysuru is not far behind, as many natural water bodies have either dried up or been encroached upon for commercial purposes. This has led to a sharp decline in groundwater levels, contributing to rising water scarcity," he noted

The event was attended by Institution of Engineers (India) Chairman Dr. R. Deepu, office-bearers N.S. Mahadevaswamy and M.K. Nanjaiah, Association President S. Mahesh, Secretary Ravikumar and others.

200-metre Dr. Rajkumar Road stretch a commuter nightmare

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (PM&KS)- Residents of Yaraganahalli, Raghavendranagar, Kalyangiri, Shakthinagar, Siddarthanagar and surrounding areas have raised serious concerns over a hazardous 200-metre stretch of Dr. Rajkumar Road — from Yaraganahalli Circle to Cauvery Circle — which remains un-asphalted and riddled with potholes.

The damaged stretch is causing immense inconvenience to both motorists and pedestrians. The road, which connects Mahadevapura Road and passes through Yaraganahalli, Raghavendranagar, and Kalyangiri, is a major thoroughfare used daily by thousands of commuters.

While the road was widened and converted into a double-lane road, this 200-metre section was inexplicably left out and remains in a dangerous state of disrepair.

The situation worsens during the rainy season when potholes become nearly invisible, especially for two-wheeler riders, resulting in frequent accidents and injuries. Despite being part of an important arterial route, the stretch continues to be neglected.

Development of this portion has been stalled due to a Court case filed by residents who had provided land for the road, demanding compensation. Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) officials have stated that the matter is pending in Court, and compensation will be disbursed to those recognised by the Court.

MUDA has also requested the Court's permission to go ahead with road development in the interest of public safety, and officials are hopeful that approval will come soon.

Meanwhile, frustrated residents and commuters have threatened to launch a 'rasta roko' if authorities do not act swiftly. They have urged both MCC and MUDA to intervene and resolve the matter immediately.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy had earlier clarified that the Court has not issued any stay on the development work. He criticised the authorities for citing the area as a revenue layout to justify inaction and blamed the local MLA and officials, stating that development cannot move forward with such an apathetic attitude.

Man goes missing

S.S. Mahesh

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (KS)- A 32-year-old man has gone missing since Apr. 14 from Varuna Police limits in the taluk.

The missing man is S.S. Mahesh. He is 5.7 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, well-built and was wearing a cream-coloured full arm shirt and cream-coloured pant with black dots at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Varuna Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Youth allegedly stabs stepfather to death

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SBD&KS)- A youth stabbed his stepfather to death over petty reasons on Sathagalli Ring Road at about 10 pm on Apr. 13.

The deceased has been identified as Syed Mateeb, who runs a tea shop at Azeez Sait Nagar in city and the accused is Matheen, son of his second wife. Syed, who had stayed away from his first wife, had married another woman and his second wife's children also knew about it.

About a week back, Matheen, son of Syed's second wife had fought with Syed over mobile phone issue and those who were present during the fight had separated them besides advising them to remain calm.

On Apr. 13 at about 10 pm, Matheen arrived near a petty shop, next to VTU on the Ring Road in a car and when Syed was speaking with a person known to him, Matheen took out a knife and allegedly stabbed Syed on his chest. Though Syed, who was profusely bleeding was being rushed to a hospital, he is said to have breathed his last midway. Udayagiri Police have registered case.

Using lethal weapon to make reels: Case against youth

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (SBD&KS)- Udayagiri Police have registered a case against a youth for making reels by holding a lethal weapon in his hand and uploading the video on social media platform.

The arrested youth is a resident of Udayagiri in city. The youth, with a knife-like weapon in his hand had made the reel and had shared the same on social media.

Following information about it, Udayagiri Police staff Rajesab, who is entrusted the responsibility of supervising social media platforms, verified the reel, collected information about it and lodged a complaint at Udayagiri Police Station following which a case was registered against the youth.

It is illegal to display lethal weapons in public places, transport them and display them on social media platforms as it would create fear among the public. In this backdrop, the Police are keeping a watch on social media platforms.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (KS)- Bannur Police on Apr. 8 have found a body of an unidentified man on S.R.P. Road and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 30 and 35 years, 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, has the name 'Manjula' tattooed on his chest, 'Basava' on his right arm and 'Vijayaswamy' tattooed on his left arm and was wearing a blue and white coloured checks half arm shirt and black coloured night pant.

Contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632.

Obituary

M.K. Vasudevarao

Srirangapatna, Apr. 22- M.K. Vasudevarao (84), retired Sub Post Master, passed away following age-related ailments at his residence yesterday. He leaves behind his wife Nagalakshmi, son Manjunath, daughter Poornima, son-in-law Manjunath Kachchigere, daughter-in-law Usha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place M. Shettihalli this morning.

Mahadeva Nayaka

Nanjangud: Mahadeva Nayaka (68), who had served as the driver of former Minister late D.T. Jayakumar and a resident of Kalale village in the taluk passed away following a heart attack yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kalale village this afternoon, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Kitsch

Pronunciation: KITCH (noun).
Meaning: Kitsch refers to something that appeals to popular or lowbrow taste and is often cheap or tacky. Kitsch also refers to a tacky or lowbrow quality or condition.
Origin: Have you ever browsed through a flea market or thrift shop? If so, chances are you're well-acquainted with kitsch, the various bits and bobs of popular culture — fuzzy dice, plastic flamingos, cartoon-themed plastic lunch boxes, etc. — that enjoy widespread popularity but don't hold much cultural esteem. Or maybe you're a fan of (what some might call) cheesy movies — action movies and rom-coms that score big at the box office but are panned by critics — kitsch often applies to them, too, as well as to "lowbrow" art of all kinds. English users borrowed kitsch in the early 20th century from German; according to scholars the word was popularized by Munich painters and art dealers in the 1860s and 1870s who used it to refer to popular and cheap artwork. The word's earlier origins are found in the German verb kitschen, meaning "to slap something (such as a work of art) together" as well as "to scrape up mud from the street." Despite these muddy origins and the disapproving tone with which kitsch is often deployed, kitsch is not quite the "dirty" word it once was — kitsch today is as likely to be celebrated as it is to be derided.
Example: "If you were dressing yourself in early 2000s, you might feel some kind of way about Y2K fashion ruling runways and sidewalks once again. But if you weren't? It's entirely understandable that mining the annals of recent fashion history — and the vintage shops — would hold a certain appeal. For all its kitsch and camp, Y2K fashion is full of some intriguing gems." —Boutayna Chokrane and Christina Pérez, Vogue, 26 Jan. 2025.

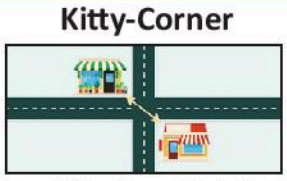
THE ODD WORD

Kamerad

To surrender.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Kitty-Corner



Meaning: You use the term 'Kitty-Corner' to indicate that something is positioned diagonally.
Origin: The term 'Kitty-Corner' has nothing to do with cats. Instead, it stems from the expression 'cater-corner,' which is derived from "quatre," the French word for "four." The term was used to describe the way the dots are placed on a dice positioned at number four, diagonally from one another.
Example: "Our house is kitty-corner from the park."

QUOTE BOX

With God, we will never be backed into a corner because He is bigger than any room. **— Craig D. Lounsbrough**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Sleep On It.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sired
5 Knocks vigorously
9 The final aggregate
12 Son of Jacob and Leah
13 Thin
14 Timber tree called Fraxinus excelsior
15 Halls, theatres
16 Old San Francisco jail
18 Small dog
20 _ ___ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
21 From __ to riches?
24 Lift
27 Disaster or catastrophe
31 Maiden name prefix
32 Type of lily
33 Milne marsupial
34 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
35 Standard in short?
36 Tepid (4-4)
38 Cricket trophy
41 Adolescent
42 Ancient Roman days
44 Wind toys
48 Tidiness
52 Paper money
53 Judo or karate category?
54 ___ Ali Khan: He won the national award for Hum Tum
55 FBI agent (slang) (1-3)
56 Old time classic movie Alam ___
57 River of Germany
58 Cobblestone - "test" anagram

DOWN
1 Political alliance
2 Decorate anew
3 For ___ : always?
4 Chart
5 Natal land, abbr.
6 ___ ends up : completely?
7 A craving for unnatural foods
8 Break into pieces
9 Italian island
10 Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the __"
11 Megahertz
17 Chinese principle
19 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
22 Boy meets ____ : beginning of a romance?
23 A strong beer?
25 Singe
26 Sporting side
27 Spanish home
28 Skilled professions
29 City in Punjab
30 Mark of servitude
34 Canvas coverings which protect from rain or sun
37 Comics cry
39 Eastern Daylight Time, abbr.
40 Perceive
43 Marine mammal
45 A heavy and ponderous book
46 Coup d'- ___ : change of Government
47 Dispatched or transmitted
48 Natl Def Acad.
49 Musical aptitude
50 Related by blood; akin
51 Seller-Furnished Equip.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	C	■	I	A	M	A	■	T	O	F	F
I	R	A	■	C	H	I	C	■	E	T	U	I
L	A	R	G	E	S	S	E	■	E	S	N	E
S	C	R	U	B	■	T	R	I	M	■	■	■
■	■	■	T	O	E	■	B	R	I	D	E	S
G	E	L	■	X	V	I	■	K	N	O	W	S
A	M	E	N	■	E	A	T	■	G	L	E	E
R	I	V	E	R	■	M	I	A	■	L	S	S
B	R	I	G	H	T	■	L	O	X	■	■	■
■	■	■	L	O	O	T	■	R	E	N	T	S
P	A	L	E	■	S	H	U	T	D	O	W	N
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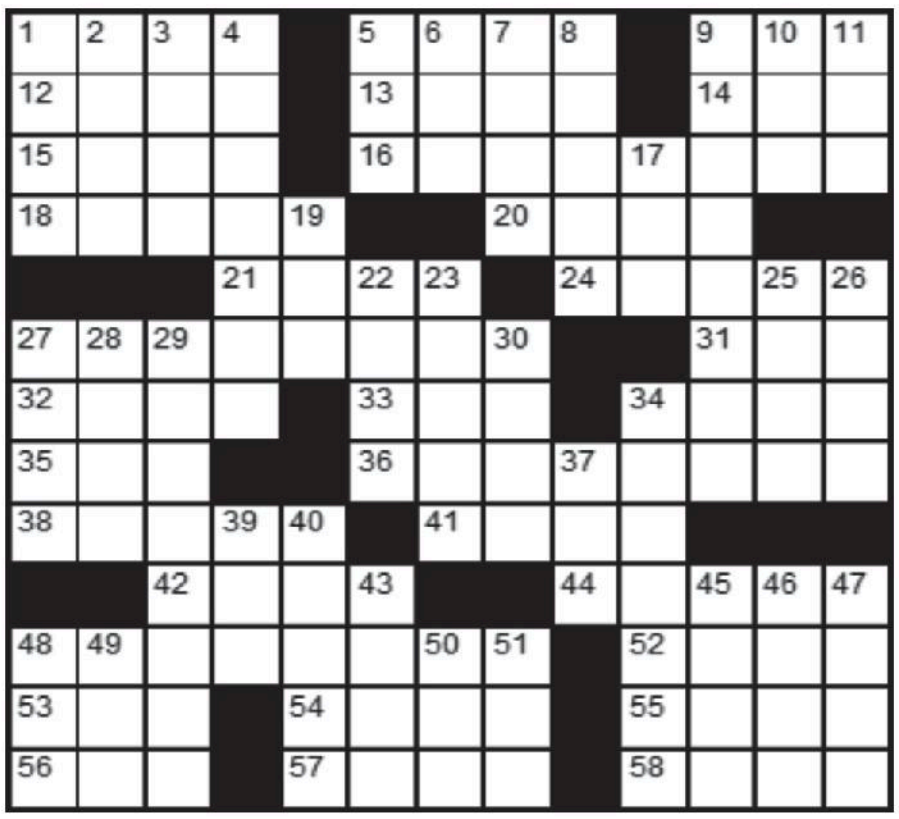

SUDOKU

5								2
	3		2		8		5	
		9				4		
8			7		3			1
		7				6		
1			8		4			3
		2				7		
	4		1		9		8	
7								9

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	1	6	9	3	7	5	8
6	5	7	8	1	2	4	3	9
8	9	3	4	7	5	1	2	6
9	8	5	7	2	1	3	6	4
3	7	4	9	5	6	8	1	2
1	6	2	3	8	4	9	7	5
7	3	9	2	6	8	5	4	1
2	1	8	5	4	7	6	9	3
5	4	6	1	3	9	2	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ML MZ SMKKMVGBL KCD ZCDDCX LC

MRLDGSP CR N YGZI BMKP.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We feel free when we escape — even if it be but from the frying pan to the fire.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Odela 2 (Te) - 2 Shows; *Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)* - 2 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
Odela 2 (Te) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Good Bad Ugly (Ta) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre **Ph: 2452958**
Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Kora (K) - 2 Shows; *Ricksha Chalaka (K)* - 2 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Vaamana (K) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Sikandar (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Paddington in Peru (E)	(S-1)	9.30 am, 11.50 am, 2.10 pm, 4.30 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
Odela 2 (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Vicky Donor (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Sachein (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Sinners (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.10 pm, 10.05 pm
Ten Hours (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Kora (K)	(S-4)	10.25 am
Vaamana (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Kesari : Chapter 2 (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Preetiya Huccha (K)	(S-1)	11 am
Riksha Chalaka (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
Kora (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Kadeema (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Ten Hours (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-2)	1 pm, 6.35 pm; (S-4) 10.50 am
Odela 2 (Te)	(S-2)	3.45 pm, 9.20 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	(S-3)	1 pm, 3.55 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	(S-3)	6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Vaamana (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm, 4.10 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Sinners (E)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	10.45 am
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	11 am, 4.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Odela 2 (Te)	:	11.05 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Sachein (Ta)	:	1.25 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	2.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	4 pm
Vicky Donor (H)	:	4.25 pm
Sikandar (H)	:	5.10 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	:	7 pm
A Minecraft Movie (E-3D)	:	8.05 pm
Ten hours (Ta)	:	10.15 pm
Jaat (H)	:	10.20 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	10.15 am, 7 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Sinners (E)	:	10.40 am, 1.35 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 10 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	1.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	4.10 pm
Ten Hours (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Kora (K)	:	10.15 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	10.25 am, 4.20 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	10.30 am, 7 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	11.30 am, 4.55 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	1.30 pm
Sinners (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	4.20 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	:	7.20 pm
Odela 2 (Te)	:	10.30 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Preethiya Huccha (K)	:	10.55 am
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	11.20 am, 7.45 pm
Sinners (E)	:	12.45 pm, 4.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	1.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Ricksha Chalaka (K)	:	1.45 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	3.45 pm
Kora (K)	:	4.15 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Kadeema (K)	:	7.15 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Bhagini Sangeethotsava in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 22- BSS Vidyodaya has organised Bhagini Sangeethotsava at the School Auditorium in Krishnamurthypuram from Apr. 23 to 29 between 6 pm and 9 pm. Udupi Sri Pejawar Mutt Seer and BSS Vidyodaya Chairman Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji will inaugurate the event at 5.30 pm tomorrow.

The occasion will also mark the launching of Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, Words World (State-of-the-art Library), Joy Room for Tiny Tots, Computer Lab, Math Lab and House of Chess. BSS Vidyodaya President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Working President B. Srinivas and Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat will be present.

The following concerts will be present as part of the Sangeethotsava:

Apr. 23: Veena-Venu-Violin Concert by Vid. Balu Masti, Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra and Vid. M. Srinidhi.

Apr. 24: Vocal concert by Vid. G. Ravikiran and troupe.

Apr. 25: Vocal concert by Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj & Vidu. Indu Nagaraj and troupe.

Apr. 26: Violin-Bansuri concert by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath and Vid. Hrishikesh Majumdar.

Apr. 27: Vocal concert by Vidu. Smruthi Bhaskar and troupe.

Apr. 28: Vocal concert by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar and troupe.

Apr. 29: Vocal concert by Vid. TNS Krishna and troupe.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 22)

Dr. V. Lakshminarayana Chintana Manthana Vedike, Mysuru and PUCL-Mysore & Karnataka Mahila Dourjanya Virodhi Okkoota, Mysuru: Late Dr. V. Lakshminarayana First Memorial Meet, 155th birth anniversary of Russian Revolution Leader Lenin, Foundation Day of CPI ML Liberation, writer N. Divakara welcomes, AIPWA National President Dr. E. Rati Rao brief prelude, a documentary on Dr. Lakshminarayana by K.R. Sumati (Producer-Director) of Samata Vedike, K. Susheela of Samata Vedike, PRS Mani of CPI ML Liberation, Dr. B.R. Manjunath of Samakaleena Samajika Samskrutika Vedike, Bengaluru, dramatist K. Venkataraju and retd. Professor Kalachannegowda will be present, Shyagale House, Shyagale Shivarudramma Trust, No. 403, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4 pm to 7 pm.**

Kalasourabha: Karnatak Classical Music Study Camp 2025, Ragasourabha Series Programme by Vid. A. Chandan Kumar, #298, 8th Cross, E & F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.**

The Divine Life Society For Ladies: Discourse on "Kulashekar Alvar's Mukunda Mala" by Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 23)

Chintana Chittara, Kannada Book Authority Stall, Mysuru: World Book Day celebrations, special lecture programme, writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah inaugurates, writer Dr. Kalegowda Nagawara presides, writer RMG Nandan comperes, Kannada Book Authority Stall premises, No. 2, MUDA Complex, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, **10 am.**

BSS Vidyodaya: Inauguration of Bhagini Sangeethotsava by Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji and launching of various facilities, **5.30 pm;** Veena-Venu-Violin by Vid. Balu Masti, Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra and Vid. M. Srinidhi, School Auditorium, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Applications invited for 6th std. at Maulana Azad Model School

Mysuru, Apr. 22- Online applications have been invited for admission to 6th standard at the Moulana Azad Model English Schools in the district for the year 2025-26.

There will be reservation of 75% seats for minority communities like Muslim, Christian, Jain, Bouddha, Sikh and Parsi communities and the remaining 25% seats will be reserved for SC/ST and OBC.

A total of 60 seats are available at each school and students can submit their applications by visiting: ***https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/Sevasindhu/English*** before May 10.

Following are the contact numbers of the Head Masters/ Mistresses of Maulana Azad Model English Schools in the district:

Rajendranagar, Kesare, Mysuru: 89515-19595; Lakshar Mohalla, Mysuru: 81971-22207; Maulana Azad Bhavan, near DC office, Bharat Nagar: 80500-26359; Bazar Road, Hunsur Town: 99007-92393; Halaganahalli, Periyapatna taluk: 97385-17432; Kalyanagiri, Mysuru: 89515-19595; Gargeshwari village and T. Narasipur taluk: 97412-09826.

For more details, interested may also contact: Moulana Azad Bhavan, CA-1, near Shobha Garden, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Mysuru: 0821-2422088. Taluk Information Centres — Mysuru: 89510-87207; T. Narasipur: 82777-75750; Nanjangud: 97435-67567; H.D. Kote: 96631-57476; K.R. Nagar: 99863-46893; Hunsur: 96207-50935 and Periyapatna: 63626-61474.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL Immovable Residential Property bearing Vacant **Site No. 04**, situated at Siddique Nagar, Bannimantap B Layout, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, presently within the limits of Mysuru City Corporation, having **PID No. 127635 & Ward No. 08.** Site measurement East to West: 50 Feet & North to South: 80 Feet, totally measuring **4000 Square Feet. Bounded** on: East by Property No. 05, West by Property No. 3/A, North by Property No. 27 and South by Road.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL Immovable Dry Agricultural Lands situated at Hadajana Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, totally measuring 03 Acres 26 Guntas and the details are as under;

Item No 01: Land in Survey No. 183/7, measuring an extent of **02 Acres 17 Guntas. Bounded** on East by Land in Survey No. 183/2, West by Park carved in Survey No. 183/6, North by Land in Survey No. 183/1 and South by Road.

Item No 02: Land in Survey No. 183/1, measuring an extent of **01 Acres 09 Guntas. Bounded** on East by Land in Survey No. 187, West by Park carved in Survey No. 183/6, North by Land in Survey No. 183/5 and South by Land in Survey No. 183/7.

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